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**ABSTRACT**

**Punishments Prescribed by Islam**

*الحدود في الإسلام*

*Al-Hudud fi al-Islam* is the twelfth publication in the series *With Islam* published by Mu’assasat al-Matbu‘at al-Haditha. It has a brief introduction and three sections.

The first section, “A few important words on punishments”, has three parts. In the first, the author Ahmad Fathi Bahnasi deals with the meaning of *‘uquba* (earthly punishments) and the differences between this and *‘iqab* (divine punishments), and whether earthly punishments are obligatory (*jawabir*) or disciplinarian (*zawajir*). In the second part he discusses the purpose of punishments, and the crimes of adultery, drinking alcohol, theft and highway robbery. In the third part he examines the attributes of punishments and the characteristics of prescribed punishments (*al-hudud*).

The second section, “The place of prescribedpunishment in Islamic criminal law”, has two parts that deal with al-hudud in relation to God and the characteristics of such punishments.

In the final section, “Crimes deserving a prescribedpunishment”, Bahnasi discusses six themes: theft, adultery, slander, drinking intoxicants, rebellion and apostasy.

The book’s production is of low quality, but the majority of pages are legible. The book does not include a list of references; rather, Bahnasi has provided some reference information within footnotes. He has not provided the numbers of the Qur’anic verses cited, nor has he provided detailed references for the hadith (prophetic sayings). The information is not consistently organised; for example, some sections are divided into themes while others are not, and some themes are divided into subsections while others are not classified. Generally speaking, this book may suit general readers more than researchers and academics.

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